

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
LOK SABHA**

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ALLOCATION OF EXCESS FOODGRAINS TO BPL  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has decided to allocate excess stock of foodgrains including rice for Below Poverty Line (BPL) families instead of exporting the same; and

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the rate at which it would be sold to BPL families?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): Taking into account the availability of food grain stocks in the Central Pool and considering the requests of States for additional allocations of foodgrains, Government has been making, from time to time, additional allocations of foodgrains to States/Union Territories (UTs), for distribution to the beneficiaries under Targeted Public Distribution System. During 2010-11, the Government made 105.66 lakh tons of rice and wheat as additional allocation including 50 lakh tons for Below Poverty Line (BPL) families at BPL issue prices of Rs. 4.15/ per kg for wheat and Rs. 5.65/- per kg for rice. Similarly, during the current year, the Government made an adhoc additional allocation of 50 lakh tons of rice and wheat for distribution to BPL families at the BPL issue prices in all States and Union Territories.

Pursuant to the orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court to reserve 5 million tons of food grains for distribution to the 150 poorest districts or the extremely poor and vulnerable sections of our society and the recommendations received in that regard from the Central Vigilance Committee on Public Distribution System (CVC on PDS) headed by Justice (Retd.) D.P. Wadhwa, the Government has made additional allocation of 2,57,126.67 M.Ts of rice and wheat at the above BPL prices for three months to 45 districts in eight States on 21st July 2011. 210 MTs of wheat at AAY price of Rs. 2.00/ per kg has also been allocated as per recommendations of the CVC on PDS.

Government has also allowed, vide Notification dated the 10th February 2011, export of 1 lakh tons of 'Sona Masuri' and 25,000 tons each of 'Ponni Samba, and 'Matta' type of non-basmati rice. Further, vide Notification dated the 19th July 2011, it has permitted export of 10 lakh tons of non-basmati rice on private account.